

King's Bay 2021

First News!

Shipmates,

We wanted to let you know early for your advanced planning.

After the really great (unexpected?) San Diego reunion it looked like it would be a tough job to make for an even better reunion in 2021. But it looks like Joe and the Association officers are in the very early stages of planning for what may be one of our best reunions ever! Most of the details are pretty sketchy for now but there is some preliminary scheduling and locations known.

Joe learned of a very big event that occurs annually at the King's Bay Submarine Base. It is their week long salute to our WW II very BIG deal. The sub base submariners, submarine and friends to help celebrate they highly encourage concurrently and interlaced

There is naturally a great scheduled by the base during base facility tours, boat dedicated event spaces to be Later in this notice there is events to give us an idea of This early in the planning there I said, we do have some plan our attendance.

The Salute to our WW II first week of November. The will be the Best Western in base. Kingsland is about 20 airport. Transportation

time. Why is it this time of the year? Well it is the Navy and it is not a democracy. Plus the locals claim it is the "best" and safest (Hurricanes) time of the year.



number of events planned and the week. This includes things like visitations, on base meals and used by visiting boat reunion crews. some information related to past what we can expect to see and do. is very little solid information, but like general information that can help us

Veterans In 2021 will happen the reunion hotel has been firmed up. It Kingsland, GA, 6 miles from the miles from the Jacksonville, FL arrangements are incomplete at this

The 2018 celebration had about four or so non-boomer boat reunions and the USS Kamehameha crew reunion mixed in with the base festivities. (See information on the 2018 events later in this notice). If we do the same we will only have a hotel hospitality room and business meeting as stand alone R E Lee events at the host hotel. But more to come on the POD for sure. Whatever happens it is looking like a really large time will be had by all! BTW, full week attendance is not mandatory so we get to "cherry pick." But generally our hotel deals have before and after room

accommodations, so if you are having way too much fun you can just hang out all week long. Speaking of too much fun, I think all the base "clubs" are open to us as well.

Looks like the Son and Grandsons get 2021 opening weekend of Texas deer season all to themselves. -- Fred

King's Bay 2018

This is the 30th year (2018) the base has hosted the ceremony honoring submarine veterans.

"This ceremony is important because these submarines laid the foundation of our modern submarine force," said Electrician's Mate 1st Class Kegan Ciampini, a Sailor assigned to the Ohio-class ballistic-missile submarine USS Maryland (SSBN 738), homeported in Kings Bay. "We owe our submarine force to these veterans for what we are today."

In addition to the more than 500 submarine veterans and family members in attendance, there were also 13 World War II veterans in the audience.

"This is the largest crowd we've ever had," said Command Master Chief Alan Propes, the command master chief of Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay.

The keynote speaker was retired Vice Adm. Albert Konetzni, who retired from the U.S. Navy Submarine Force in 2004 after 38 years of service. Konetzni expressed his gratitude for the veterans in the crowd and the importance of having this ceremony on an active submarine base.



"The nation owes a great deal of gratitude toward the submarine force," said Konetzni. "You operated in uncharted waters and hazardous conditions. By having the ceremony here, you get to see Sailors that are currently serving today. Our current force is made of American inventiveness. It continues to reinvent itself and you, in World War II, started that tradition."

The ceremony included the ringing of two bells for the 65 submarines that have been lost at sea and are now on "eternal patrol."

"A total of 52 submarines were lost during World War II to protect and preserve the freedom of this fine country," said Capt. Wayne Wall, commanding officer of Training Trident Facility. "It has been more

than 50 years since the last submarine was lost, but the veterans and Sailors here pay tribute to those lost and keep their memory alive."

William W. Seaward Jr. veterans in attendance 1943-47 and 1950-51.

"This is my first trip to Seaward, from York, events, but Kings Bay love the Navy, and I submarine community."

Executive Director of Post, is the lead was a submariner and 2003.

"This is a Team Kings planning and moving veterans is the right thing to do."



was one of the World War II submarine and served in the submarine force from

Kings Bay for an event like this," said Maine. "I've been to dozens of these was the greatest I've ever attended. I love to see the amazing support from the

the St. Marys Submarine Museum, Keith coordinator of the four-day event. Post joined the Navy in 1981 and retired in

Bay show," said Post. "It takes a lot of parts, but honoring our submarine

"It is important to show these veterans how much we appreciate what they have done not only our nation, but the world," he said. "It's we never forget and share with our Sailors We have the ceremony on the base so our serving can listen to these veterans and stories and help them remember and These war heroes have changed the history."

Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay is home class ballistic-missile submarines and two guided missile submarines.



important that that true history. Sailors currently hear their sea reconnect. course of

to five Ohio-Ohio-class

See And Do

Here's a quick look at the King's Bay area and some of the area high spots and attractions. We hope to have a much more complete look in the upcoming Reunion "Flier" which we will be sending out just prior to the 2021 reunion.

Here's some photos of the reunion hotel in Kingsland, GA.



Saint Mary's, GA is the home of one of the better privately operated Submarine Museums.



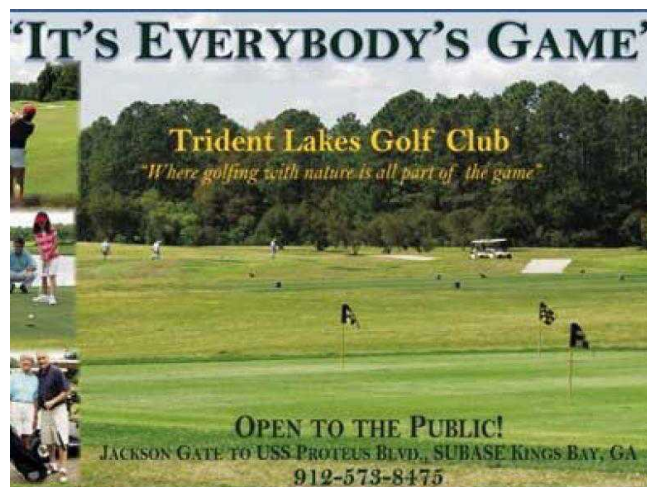
There are various Navy installations within the King's Bay military complex.



There is also a growing number of submarine related attractions in the area.



Yes, they do have a great looking golf course.



RV'ers will have a place or three and more to choose from as well.

